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APPLICANT: Toby Wexler

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GROUP ART UNIT: 3643

EXAMINER: Valenti, Andrea M.

FOR: Apparatus and Method for Partially Encapsulating an Animal's Head

**The Honorable Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks
P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

AMENDMENT

In response to the office action mailed **9/27/04**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A protective animal collar assembly comprising:

- a) A hollow, hemispherical member having equatorial and polar regions and an irregular opening therein extending from said polar region to near proximity with said equatorial region;**
- b) a visor member having a parabolic notch along one edge corresponding at least in part to a portion of said irregular opening, pivotally attached to said hemispherical member; and**
- c) a means for securing said visor in position relative to said hemispherical member.**